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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of Nov. 30th to Dec. 27th and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- A Group held a tour for 20 Cub Scouts at Fire Headquarters.
- Lt. Randy Esposito spoke at the Jamie Lynn Sullivan Foundation fund raiser dinner for smoke detector awareness.
- E-22 has been making an effort to contact various building project managers throughout the City. This gives E-22 the opportunity to visualize different aspects and phases of the many construction projects that in progress. This also gives the people associated with these projects an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with responders.
- Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at. The New Science building at WestConn, Oil Mill Road Condo Complex, Kenosia Ave. New CVS Store on Mill Pl. Rd., 22 Elm St., 18 Ives St., Hart Bus Comp., Lowe's Theater, Harley Davison, Jefferson Pine and Oak, Stadley Rough School, Scholastic Publishing, Klaff's Wholesale, Best Buy, Home Depot, Quality Inn, and Wal-Mart.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- o Incidents of interest this past month included two water problems. The first one at Avalon - Sandpit caused significant damage to four units. Stew Leonard's also suffered minor water damage. Both incidents took place during the extreme cold snap we had around the 16th of the month.
- o On the 16th B Group had a garage fire on Hospital Ave. The fire destroyed a car and a new John Deere tractor. The owner had just been released from the hospital that day and wanted to start his car because of the extreme cold. The engine caught on fire and the garage was fully involved in flames upon our arrival.
- o We also responded to the Public Works garage for a back hoe fire. E-24 put the fire out but not before there was extensive damage to the machine.
- o On the 21st one of the Engines was returning from a minor motor vehicle accident when the Officer noticed a manhole cover which was open. The Engine Company stopped to investigate and found two men working in the manhole without proper ventilation. They notified the Building Dept. who in turn notified Conn. OSHA. The work sight was stopped until the proper safety features were implemented. Recent training in confined space and trench issues have made our firefighters more aware of the dangers and preventative measures to minimize injuries.
- o On the 11th A group was called to a home on James Street for a structure fire. Upon their arrival they found a fire in the wall caused by a faulty fire chimney. The fire was quickly extinguished but not before there was heavy smoke damage throughout the two family house. Both families had to be relocated.

Emergency Medical Services/Haz Mat - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS recertification's requirements of Fire Department First Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with pre-hospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills.

The Topic for this months EMS Wednesday is the OSHA mandated Blood borne Pathogens review. Blood borne pathogens include all infectious and communicable diseases which are a great concern to our First Responders, while there are risks inherent to emergency medical services responses these risks can be minimized by the use of methods that will reduce the risk of exposure and contraction of these diseases. The purpose of the training is to educated personnel in the types of communicable /infectious diseases, the modes that they are transmitted methods and practices that will reduce the risk of exposure and the procedures that must be followed should an exposure should occur

The Danbury Fire Department First Responder Program is a key part of the EMS system, cross-trained firefighters that have the knowledge of these lifesaving skills are rapidly deployed to the scene of a victim of a sudden cardiac arrest, this ability coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like CPR training and the "File of Life" has increased the patient survival rates in the City of Danbury.

Community Education

The File of Life program is cooperative effort between the Danbury Fire Department and the Firefighters Union Local 801 to better serve the community during Emergency Medical Calls. It consists a red plastic envelope with a magnetic strip emblazoned with the words "FILE OF LIFE" that holds a card with a patient's medical information in it. Should a patient be unresponsive during an EMS call this card would be retrieved from the refrigerator door and transported with the patient to the hospital. This allows the patients medical information to be readily accessible by the Physician at the hospital.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division
Activity Report - Nov. 30th to Dec. 27th, 2005

Mobile Data Terminals

HTE Inc. and Data Processing are continuing to work through software issues that have prevented the MDT system from being reactivated. An HTE trainer/technician is scheduled to be on site in December to help resolve program errors.

Communications Center

SBC recently updated the mapping component of the 911 system. The updated map files are part of the regular quality assurance process of the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to keep pace with technology and changes in infrastructure/land use within the state.

In the near future the state will also be authorizing 911 calls to be received from individuals that use VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) for phone service. An internet phone user will be required to provide current location information when dialing mobile Data Terminals

There has been no significant progress with the Mobile Data implementation. Continuing connection problems have not allowed this system to be used. Cingular has yet to indicate what the problem with connecting is or when a solution may be offered.

Training - Jim Thorne

The remaining crews have had the three hour course given by Conn OSHA for Trench issues.

The six new recruits graduated from the Conn. State Fire Academy on the 19th of Dec. They reported to regular duty on the 20th. They spent the first week learning the Danbury way. The week after Christmas they worked days with the different shifts to get orientated to the life in the firehouse. The first of the year they will begin their crew assignments.

There is a Fire Officer I review class scheduled for Jan. 5, 2006.

- Fourth Quarter Training is continuing for the Volunteer Companies. Ems

Apparatus/Equipment - Randy Morits

The six new recruits have received new Scott Air Masks with Voice Amps and new portable radio with carrying case.

This is Apparatus Superintendent Morits's last report as he will be retiring to Wisconsin within a month. His expertise and talent will be missed.

The 1981 LTI (old Truck 1) has been sent to the CT State Fire Academy. It will be stored at the Public Safety Complex at Foxwoods.

The fire department received a donation of fire equipment that was abandoned in a storage unit. We did receive some very good equipment, including a hose tester, LDH fittings, turnout gear, vests and a ventilation fan. We thank BRT for this donation.

Good of the Organization

Several members of the Department were present at the Swearing in of the City Officials on the 1st of Dec.

There was a retirement party for Ret. Capt. Roy Gannon which was held on the 5th.

All the shifts held their annual Christmas parties. The Mayor hosted a luncheon for several city employees. The City wide Christmas party was held at the Sheridan. The Local Union had their Christmas party for all the firefighter children on the 10th.

On the 17th we help deliver Santa Claus to the food kitchen at Dorothy Day.

The six recruits graduated from the Fire Academy on the 19th. Several of our members were in attendance.

This month two retired firefighters passed away. Ret. FF Peter Keane and Ret. FF John Botelho passed after brief illnesses. This year six of our retired members have passed away.

We are in the midst of the Captains promotional exam.

Local 801's Annual food drive was a great success. They were able to deliver two truck lots of food to the Salvation Army.

We continue to meet bi-weekly on the new E-25 construction. Completion date is scheduled for April 14, 2006.

The Fire School has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy.

Dates of Importance

Jan. 6th - The Captains Oral Exam

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	9
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	0
Rescue/EMS	242
Hazardous Condition	32
Service Calls	44
Good Intent Calls	54
False Alarm/False Calls	80
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	1
No Report/Incomplete	5

Total Fire Calls..467.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 566 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	566
No patient EMS Calls	96
BLS Patient Calls	252
ALS EMS Calls	218
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	11
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	21

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2787 with a daily average of 96.10 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	467
EMS Response calls.	566
Abandoned Calls	403
911 Hang Ups	581
Admin Calls Received	775
Cellular 911 Calls	1085

Note - Since multiple 9-1-1 calls are received for many responses, call volume is reflected as a total. Multiple calls received are recorded on individual fire reports and not on CAD generated totals.

Attached please find graphic displays for Fire Response Breakdown, Company Response, Volunteer Company Call and Response Statistics, and EMS Transport Activity Statistics for the reporting period.

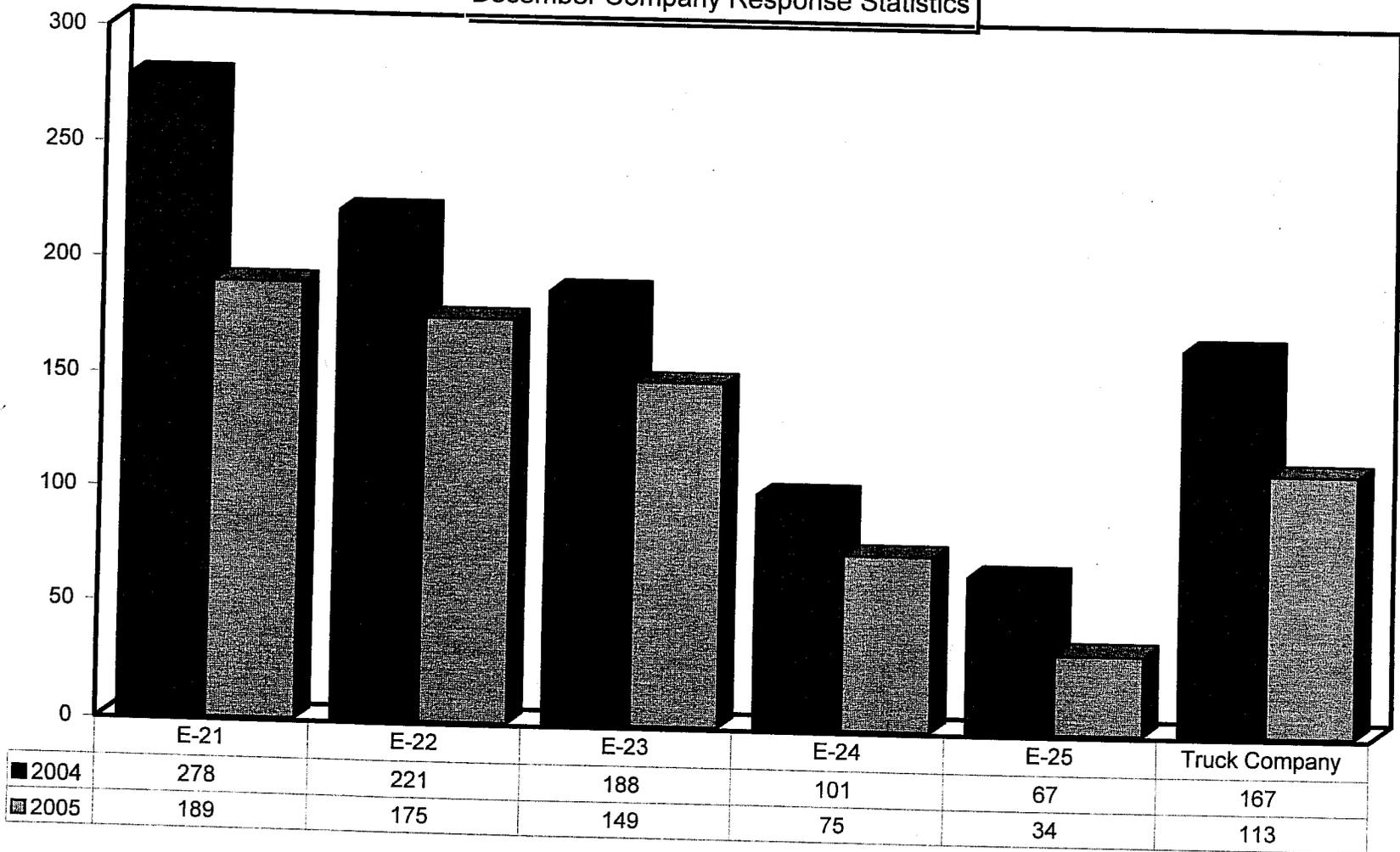
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Respectfully submitted,



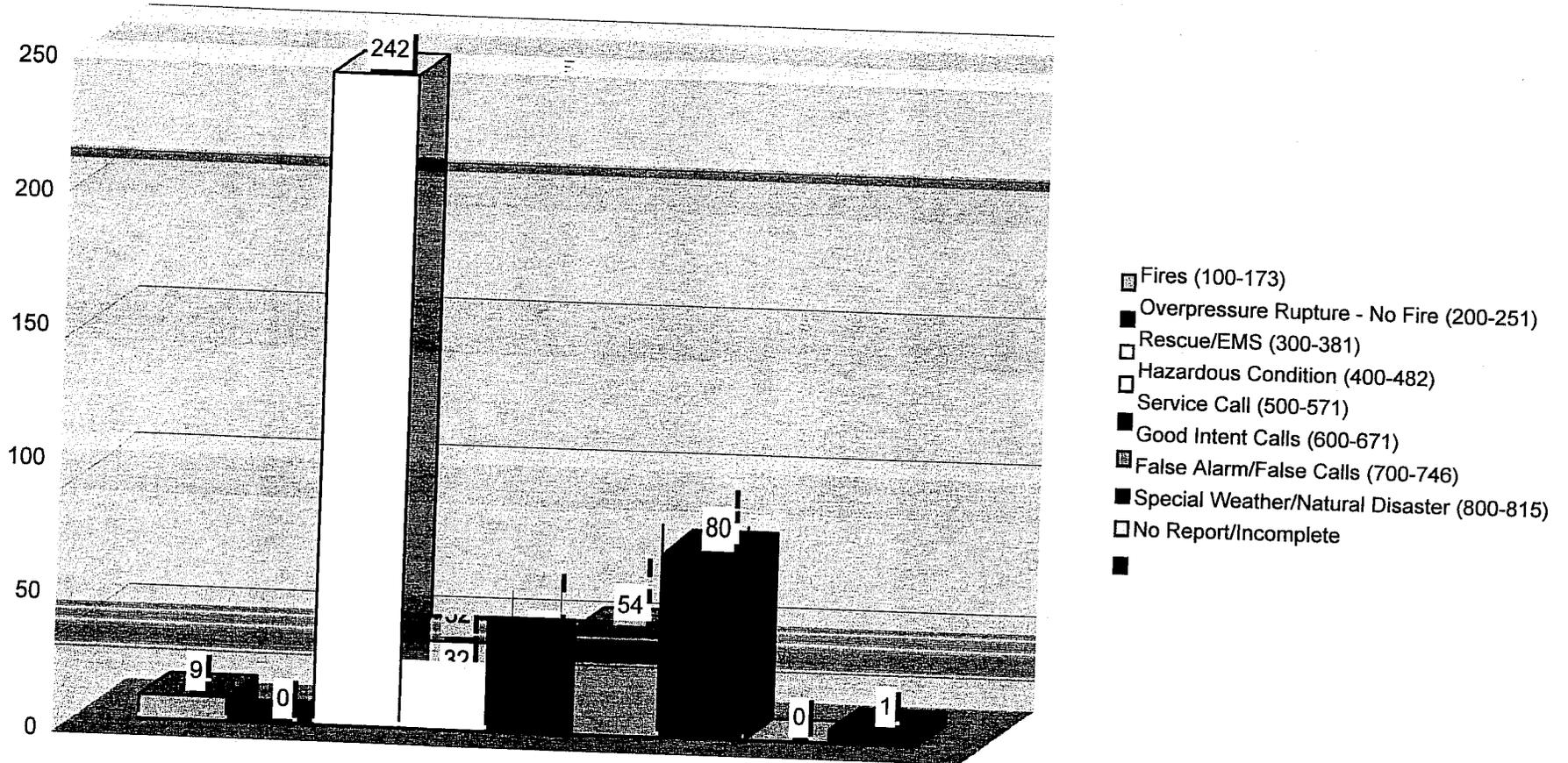
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**Danbury Fire Department
December Company Response Statistics**

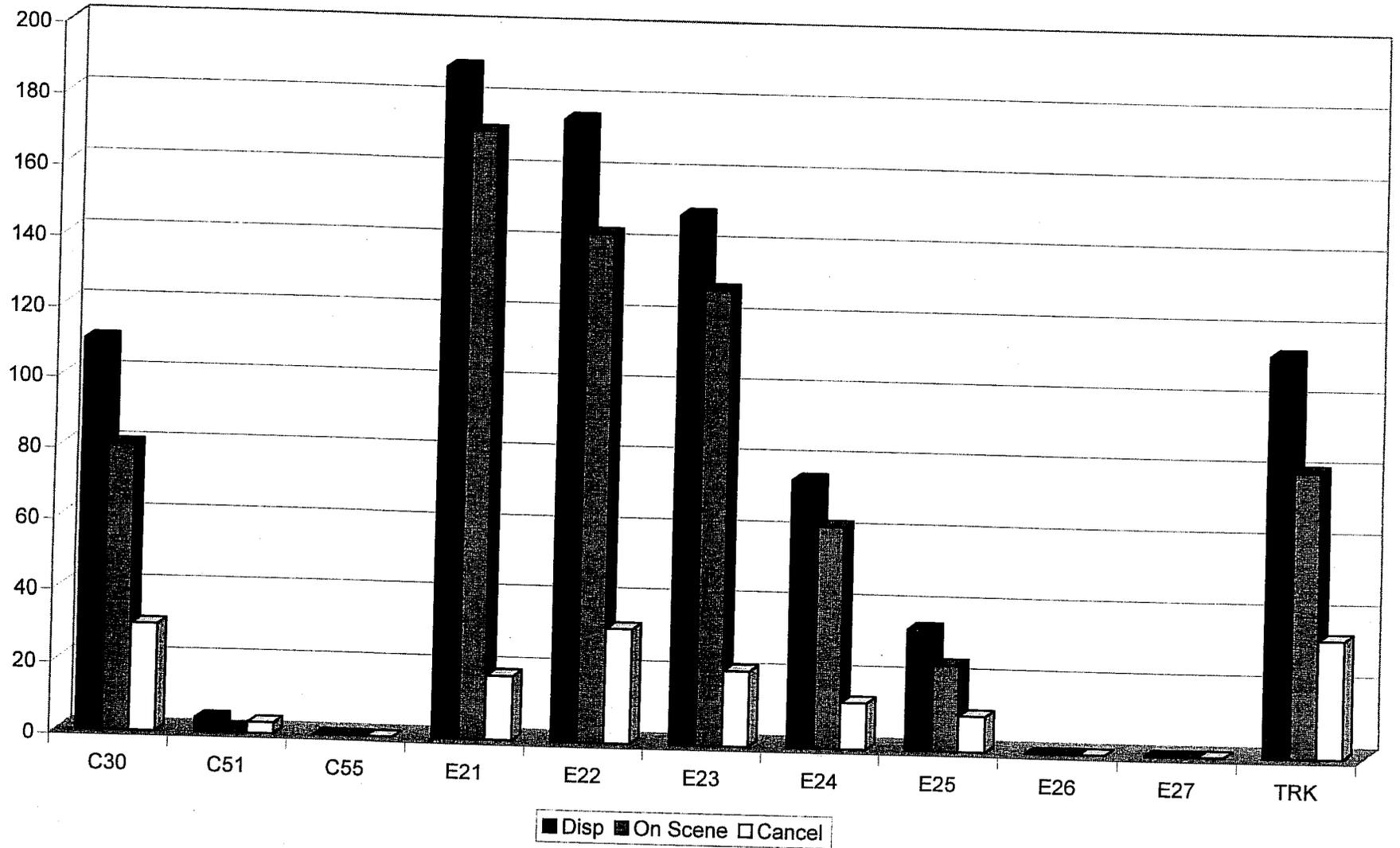


DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES						2005		
	<i>December Response Statistics</i>							
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response		
E-3	36	0	3	2	31	14%		
E-4	29	0	1	1	27	7%		
E-5	20	1	2	3	14	30%		
S-6	55	0	1	29	25	55%		
S-7	55	0	3	8	44	20%		
E-8	30	0	1	3	26	13%		
E-9	43	0	6	3	34	21%		
E-10	34	0	2	7	25	26%		
E-11	24	0	3	8	13	46%		
E-12	29	0	2	1	26	10%		
E-13	21	0	3	5	13	38%		
E-14	14	0	0	0	6	0%		
Totals	390	1	27	70	284	25%		

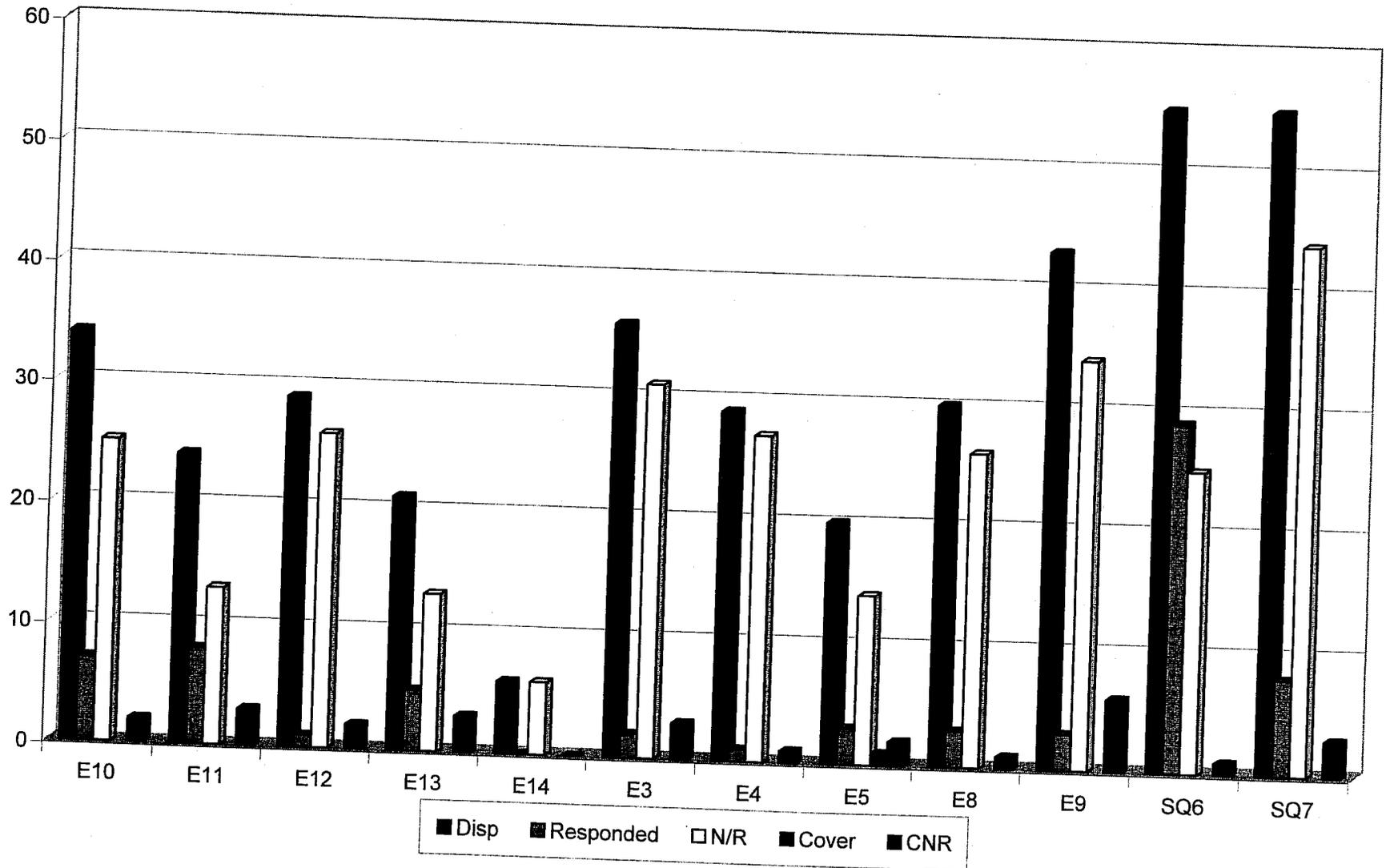
Fire Response Breakdown November 28 to December 26, 2005



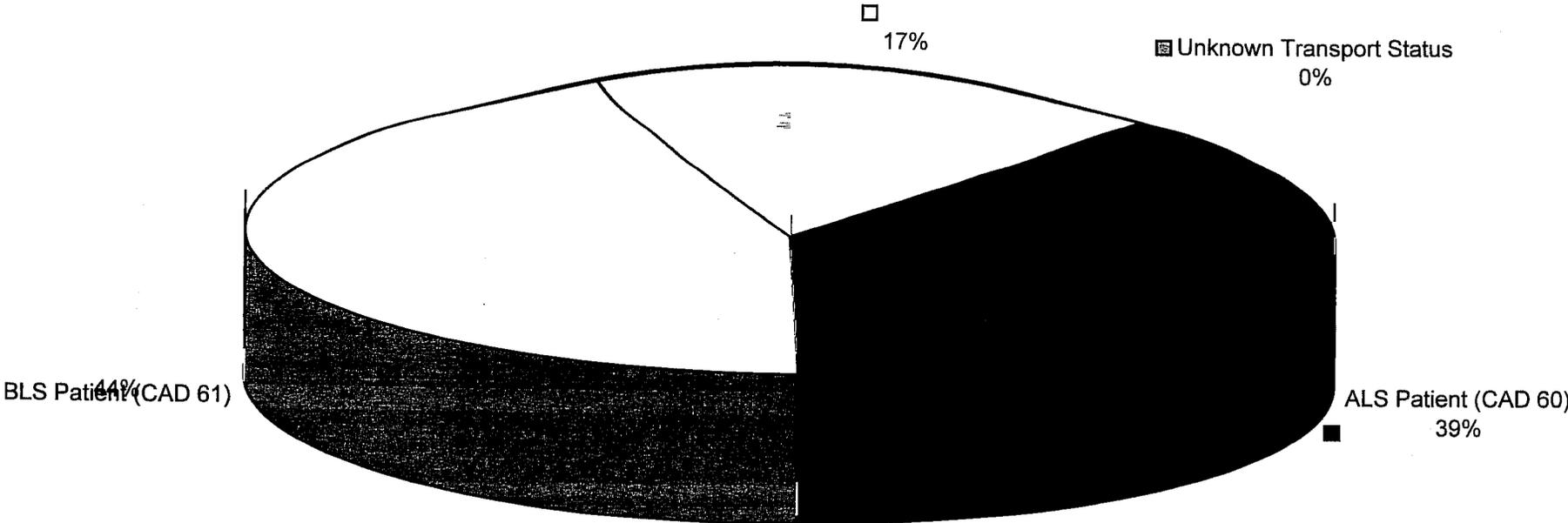
Career Company Response November 28 to December 26, 2005



Volunteer Call Counts November 28 to December 26, 2005



EMS Transport Activity November 28 to December 26, 2005



911 Center Activity November 28 to December 26, 2005

